

Christian Life Column.

[EDITED BY REV. D. H. TUTTLE.]

Until To-Morrow.

If you have a task to do
That seems as if you'd never get through,
Believe me that the wisest way
Is to begin the task to-day.

If you have a word unsaid,
Spoken, would make one comforted,
Go find that one, and say it straight:
It is a word that cannot wait.

If you can do a kindly deed,
Can heal the sick or hungry feed,
Do not leave the deed undone
Until you see to-morrow's sun.

But angry words, and selfish way,
Are best put off another day,
And then another day again
Postpone what gives another pain.

So keep the hasty speeches down;
And make a smile chase back the frown.
In silence let ill temp' r lie
For an eternal by and by.

—Eva Lovett Carson.

Breezy Briefs.

Have you read your Bible to-day?

Are you ready to die to-day? Why not?

Death is sin's bloodhound. Is he not on your track to-day?

Did you ever pray much over Paul's exhortation in Eph. 5:16?

Your tooth brush won't clean your mouth if you have been swearing.

How about your control of your tongue when you mash your finger?

Do you ever take time to compare your gains and losses by lying? Rev. 21:8.

Every chewer of tobacco or dipper of snuff ought to carry a pocket spittoon.

Pure religion and a receipt for all your over due store accounts a close kinfolks.

Father, how often do you play and pray with your children? You ought to do both.

"Let not the sun go down on your wrath." Do not sleep with hate in your heart.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."—Bible.

"Only believe." Believe what? That all that God sees to be really for our good, he gives us, and that all that he gives us is for our real good.

Had God intended man to be a smoker he would have put the holes in the upper end of his nose so that it would serve the purpose of a chimney.

Good books are windows to the soul. Open them and the light and pure air of truth will aid you to live nearer to God. Get them for the children.

"Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear." Isa. 37:17. Such a prayer proceeding from the depths of the heart will soon bring a response from heaven.

It tickles the devil to go to a church member's house on a rainy Sunday during the hours of worship and find his umbrella and overshoes behind the door.

Some folks seem to be mighty good, but are really mighty bad. Sometimes Ephraim is a cake that only needs to be turned in order to know just what he is.

Do you have family worship in your home? Is the spirit conspicuously revealed? What a blessing family worship is in many homes. Many witnesses to this fact.

Sunday-School.

—The London Sunday school Union was founded in 1833 is an interdenominational society, and consists of 12,296 Sunday schools, 177,730 officers and teachers, and 1,846,922 scholars.

—The Pennsylvania statistics show a total of 9,243 Sunday-schools in the State; 144,155 officers and teachers, 1,160,151 scholars—a total enrollment of 1,304,306, or 25 per cent of their population.

—In the Mission schools of Egypt there are 2,332 girls each year. The work in the girls' schools is sometimes remarkable. The government spends about five million dollars annually on its educational work, but not one cent for the education of girls.—The S. S. Visitor.

—The statistical returns from Maryland show a total of 2,528 evangelical Sunday schools and 153 non-evangelical, or 2,676 Sunday-schools in the State, with an enrollment of 34,942 evangelical officers and teachers and 756 non-evangelical, or a total of 35,698 officers and teachers, with 261,941 evangelical scholars, 25,199 non-evangelical, or a total of 287,140 scholars, making a total enrollment of 306,883 in the 2,676 Sunday-schools in the State.

—The following information regarding the colored churches of the United States, of a statistical nature, may be interesting: Dr. H. K. Carroll, in the Independent, says that the aggregate of colored church members in the

United States is, in round numbers, 2,674,000, distributed as follows: Baptist, 1,403,559; Methodist, 1,190,638; Presbyterian 30,000; Disciples of Christ, 18,578, and Protestant Episcopal and Reformed Episcopal together, somewhat less than 5,000. According to the census figures, there has been an increase of 1,150,000 colored church members during the last thirty years, which Dr. Carroll thinks is unparalleled in the history of the Christian church. The value of Negro church property is \$26,626,000, and the number of edifices is 23,770.

Temperance Truth.

—Is not this an accurate picture of the fashionable, wine drinking Christian? * * * "And the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful." The drinking Christian bears little fruit meet for the Master's use.

—Business men may well be cautious in the employment of men who drink. Such men rapidly lose their sense of right, and their finer sensibilities of honor. It is safe to say that a very large percentage of young men who frequent saloons are unworthy of trust.

—The man who admits that the saloons injure society, and brings poverty to many homes, and yet endorses bar rooms because the license fees save him a few cents in taxes, confesses his willingness to allow his neighbor to be robbed if he can share in the plunder.

—Leaving out the question of morality, the saloon doesn't pay. Leaving out the question of character, the saloon doesn't pay. If there is no God, no hope, no Heaven, no hereafter, the saloon would not pay. Looking at it in any way the saloon is a loss, a damage, a destructive force.

The Field for the Boys and Girls

I want to quote a bit for you from Miss Willard's address which was given at the late National meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

She says: "We ought to make a special crusade against this habit of forever having something between one's jaws. It is most grievous to observe at a steamer landing, or a railway station, every youth and maiden uselessly using the levers of the jaw upon some mouth filling lump that the stomach wishes to see about as much as a busy reformer desires to welcome a curiosity hunting gossip. Is there no remedy? Is it impossible to rouse a wholesome pride? Or, if this jaw-working must continue, might we not utilize it as a motor for a hand printing press, or sewing machine, or other witty invention? I hereby offer a prize to any young American who has not passed beyond his or her teens who will prepare for us a thesis involving any or all of the points which I have herein tried to make, and as many more as their ingenious minds may bring to light."—The Pansy.

The Value of Example.

Some men preach more eloquently with their lives than with their lips, and vice versa. Many of Christ's most faithful witnesses are "little and unknown." If example is more influential than precept, then the gospel reaches its highest note in living. To be good and do good is the divine idea possible to all who follow and teach the precepts of Christ, but following comes first. He who teaches only by example is none the less a teacher. His lessons, like the sculptor's, are chiseled, not painted. The prudent will only follow the example that will bear the light. All the world is following, and he who leads is only following another. The Christian follows Paul as Paul follows Christ.—Anonymous.

Woman and Man

To say that the woman is a helpmeet for man is most explicitly and emphatically to affirm that a woman is not a man; and all attempts to make the woman a man in the Church or elsewhere is to pervert the divine intent and order. Constitutional differences, specific and distinct, present the two in widest contrast. If he is distinguished for courage, she is for fortitude; if he for strength, she for delicacy; if he for analysis, she for synthesis; if he for reasoning, she for intuition; if he for persistence, she for patience; if he for invention, she for application; if he for firmness, she for flexibility; if he for grandeur, she for gracefulness; if he for boldness, she for beauty.—Sel.

Railways in Bible Lands.

More railways in Bible land! One is now projected from Acre, under Mount Carmel, through Esdraelon, past Canaan and Nazareth, a road Jordan, and thus north to Damascus. The ground for another is broken from Byrrout across the Lebanon range to the same city. A third will soon be built from Sansoun, on the Black Sea, to Ceyas on the Mediterranean, thus opening up the heart of Asia Minor.—The Kingdom.

DEDICATORY SERVICES.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Raleigh, asks us to state that the Methodist church, at Garner, Wake county, will be dedicated on the third Sunday in June. There will be a great congregation present.

The services preparatory to dedication will be given on Friday evening before. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, assisted by visiting ministers, will conduct the services.

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—J. P. Tucker, Lenoir county, one of our best friends, sends two renewals. If all our friends were half as active and persistent as Bro. Tucker we would have a well paid up list, and twice as large as it is. He sends us a great many subscriptions and renewals every year. We fear that many of our friends don't try as hard as they might.

—We are also indebted to the following for subscriptions, renewals and kind and encouraging words: W. T. Pritchard, Pasquotank county; C. A. Guffy, J. A. Yost, Rowan; G. Ed. Kesler, Cabarrus; L. A. Briley, Martin; J. C. Russ, Columbus; H. H. Green, Watauga; R. R. Harris, Franklin; John J. Jordan, Vance; J. P. Cox, Rockingham; J. P. Rawls, New Hanover; W. M. Martin, Halifax; B. L. Ezzell, Duplin, and others.

BUT HUGHES VOTED FOR GROVER.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, an agricultural paper, states that there are 10,000 wild hogs in Arizona. From the rocky time Governor L. C. Hughes has been having down there with his prohibition notions, it would seem that our esteemed contemporary has underestimated the number.—New York Voice.

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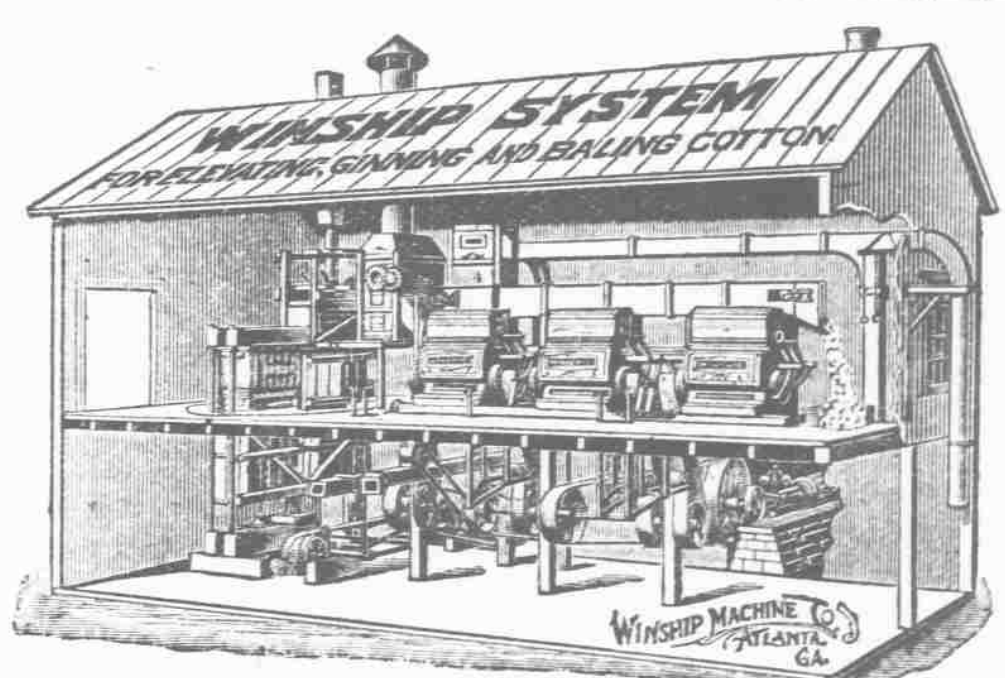
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